



A BALANCED VIEW

Elections -- 2002

Enclosed in this envelope with your Equilibrium issue #3, 2002, is a ballot for the election of two members of your Board of Directors and the office of President. Jerome Katz and Norman Cima are the two Board members whose terms expire on December 31, 2002.

Jerry is a candidate for another three year term. Norm, who has been a Board member and Secretary for many, many years, has decided to take a break from the Board rigors for a while and has decided to not run for another term. The Board has nominated Peter Laycock for election to the office of Secretary for a three-year term commencing January 1, 2003. Peter is a long-time member of ISASC from Ontario, Canada, who has a collection of over 400 scales, primarily postal. I am a candidate for reelection as President for a three-year term starting January 1, 2003.

We all owe Norm Cima a great deal of thanks for his service to our Society. His contributions have been numerous. Those of us who have attended our conventions during the past several years are aware of his work setting up all the electronic equipment which has made it easier to enjoy the many presentations by our guest speakers and the

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"show and tell" portion of the program. However, what most people do not know is how helpful Norm has been to me personally with his sage advice and counsel. In addition, Norm's work in computerizing the process of preparing our journal, Equilibrium, has been monumental. Thank you, Norm. I will miss your emails!

San Antonio Convention--- 2003

Just a reminder that our convention will be held in the beautiful city of San Antonio, Texas, in mid-May, 2003. We have had many advance registrations and we will soon be getting out more detailed information about costs and events. The Pittsburgh convention this past May was a great success. We had the highest dollar total of items sold at the silent auction than we have ever had. The only criticism I heard was not aimed at the two chairmen of convention, Les Firth and Ben Smith, but, justifiably so, at me for not setting aside enough time for our "business" meeting so that all those who wished to speak could do so. That will be corrected in San Antonio.

European meeting --- April 2003

For anyone who is planning a trip to England or the European Continent this coming Spring, You might want to consider attending the semi-annual meeting of ISASC Europe on April 6, 2003, in Stratford On Avon. It is a one day meeting of their Society that I have attended

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in the past, and have found it to be most delightful. At this time it is my plan to be there.

Anyone wishing more information can contact me at (916) 487-4135.

“Equilibrium Contents”

Included in the packet with this issue of Balanced View and your issue of Equilibrium #3, 2002, is an issue of “Equilibrium Contents”. As you can see, it lists all the articles included in each issue of Equilibrium since the very first issue printed in the Spring of 1978 to issue #4, 2001. If you are interested in any of those back issues, or copies of past issues, they can be purchased from our publications library. Contact Jerry Wilson and he will get them to you for a nominal price. There is some really great stuff in those old issues. Our sincere thanks to John and Geraldine Shannon for the preparation and printing of the “Contents”. It was a monumental job.

By the way, if anyone has any original issues of the seven Equilibriums printed in 1978 and 1979, plus issues #3, 1982, and #4, 1983, and you can spare them, we would like to have them for our library. Somehow we are missing those issues.

Equilibrium Editorial Staff

As most of you know, commencing with issue #2, 2003, Ruth Willard will be the new Editor of Equilibrium. The new Associate Editor will be Jan Berning. Jan and her husband Bill live

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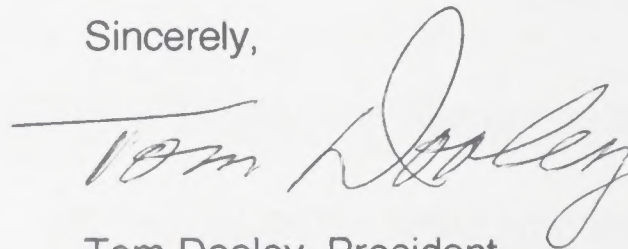
in Genoa, Illinois, and are the authors of a book that all of us should have, "Scales, A Collector's Guide". It is with great pleasure we welcome you to EQM, Jan.

Clifford V. Morris 1918-2002

Clifford V. Morris, whose active participation in the scale business spanned nearly seventy years, has passed away in Portland, Oregon. Clifford was the son of a scale man. His father opened a small scale business in the family basement and Clifford helped out after school. After graduating from the University of Portland and completing his service in the U. S. Army in World War II, where he saw action in France and Germany, he returned to Portland and built his scale company to a large dealership with lines expanded to include everything from analytical balances to railroad track scales.

He was instrumental in organizing the Pacific Northwest Division of the International Society of Weighing and Measurement (ISWM) and served as its first Chairman. He served in many ISWM positions before becoming President in 1978-79. In the 1970s he was appointed by Oregon Governor Tom McCall to the State Advisory Committee on Weights and Measures. Clifford was active in many organizations and was a member of ISASC for the past ten years. He is survived by his wife Irene, two daughters and three grandchildren.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Tom Dooley", written in a cursive style.

Tom Dooley, President
ISASC